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Hyphenation Conventions: Compound Modifiers, Numbers and Prefixes

Directions: Each sentence comes from a school or community newsletter. Choose the version that follows the hyphenation conventions on which the AP Stylebook, The Chicago Manual of Style and the MLA Handbook all agree.

1. The drama club's rehearsal lasted three hours. Which version of the underlined words is correct?

"On Saturday the drama club held a three hour rehearsal for the spring musical."

A. three-hour rehearsal
B. threehour rehearsal
C. Keep it as written.
D. three-hours rehearsal

2. Does the underlined phrase need a hyphen, or is it correct as written?

"The newly painted bleachers gleamed in the afternoon sun during the first home game."

A. newlypainted bleachers
B. newly-painted bleachers
C. Keep it as written.
D. newly painted-bleachers

3. Which version of the underlined words correctly joins the compound modifier that comes before the noun?

"A well known author from our town will speak at this year's graduation ceremony."

A. well-known author
B. well-known-author
C. wellknown author
D. Keep it as written.

4. This sentence opens with a spelled-out number. Which version of the underlined words is correct?

"Thirty five students signed up for the overnight trip to the science museum."

A. Thirty-five-students
B. Keep it as written.
C. Thirtyfive students
D. Thirty-five students

5. How should the underlined words at the start of this sentence be written?

"Twenty-two volunteers repainted the mural on the side of the community center last May."

A. Twenty two volunteers
B. Twentytwo volunteers
C. Keep it as written.
D. Twenty-two-volunteers

6. The tour lets visitors guide themselves through the exhibits. Which version of the underlined words is correct?

"The history museum now offers a self guided tour on weekend afternoons."

A. selfguided tour
B. Keep it as written.
C. self-guided tour
D. self-guided-tour

7. The writer means the team's former captain. Which version of the underlined words is correct?

"The ex captain of the debate team came back to coach this year's new members."

A. ex-captain
B. Keep it as written.
C. former-captain
D. excaptain

8. The writer means that the class will cover the chairs again with new fabric. Which version of the underlined word says that?

"Next week the upholstery class will recover the worn auditorium chairs with new fabric."

A. re cover
B. re-cover
C. Keep it as written.
D. re-covers

9. The writer means that the coach agreed to sign a new contract to stay with the same team. Is the underlined word correct?

"After a strong first season, Coach Alvarez agreed to re-sign with the team for three more years."

A. resign
B. re-signs
C. Keep it as written.
D. re sign

10. The fundraiser was planned with great care. Which version of the underlined words is punctuated correctly?

"The carefully-planned fundraiser raised enough money to buy new uniforms for the band."

A. Keep it as written.
B. carefully planned fundraiser
C. carefully-planned-fundraiser
D. carefullyplanned fundraiser

11. These sentences come from a library newsletter. Which two follow the hyphenation conventions that AP, Chicago and MLA share?

☐ A. Her self-confidence grew after she led her first story hour.
☐ B. The ex mayor cut the ribbon at the opening of the new branch.
☐ C. The museum hired a part time guide for the summer season.
☐ D. We visited a highly-rated bakery on Main Street after the meeting.
☐ E. Our full-time librarian runs a weekly book club for teens.